

As approved at the meeting on 26 Oct 17

GLOUCESTER COMMITTEE FOR THE ARTS

**Minutes of Meeting Held on 20 September 2017
Gloucester City Hall, Third Floor Conference Room**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Judith Hoglander, Chair
Robert Haverkamp, Secretary
Sinikka Nogelo, Treasurer

Rebecca Reynolds
Chris Sicuranza, Mayor's Representative

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CITY CLERK
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MEMBER ABSENT:

Catherine Ryan

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Judith at 5:00 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE 6 JUNE, 19 JULY, AND 16 AUGUST 2017 MEETINGS

A motion by Rebecca, seconded by Chris, to approve the minutes of the 6 June 2017 meeting was approved unanimously. A motion by Judith, seconded by Chris, to approve the minutes of the 19 July 2017 meeting was approved unanimously. A motion by Judith, seconded by Sinikka, to approve the minutes of the 16 August 2017 meeting was approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Sinikka presented the report dated 20 September 2017, noting that the only change from the previous report is an additional \$50 donation for the restoration of the Civil War Era Coat. A motion by Robert, seconded by Judith, to approve the Treasurer's Report was approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

CITY HALL ART REPAIRS

Rebecca reported that Robert Shure of Skylight Studios has examined the eight City Hall bronze plaques. He noted that there is a lot of wax that is breaking up and needs to review the treatment report from Steve Roy to determine what now needs to be done. Rebecca has asked Roy to send us his report since it seems we never received it. The target for completion still is Veterans Day. Shure believes that they can use a ladder for the work and will not require scaffolding.

Regarding the City Hall Mayoral paintings, Judith has had another conversation with Cape Ann Museum Executive Director Ronda Faloon, who reaffirmed that we can store the paintings at the Museum but that the Museum will need an end date. It was agreed that depends on the mural project. Also, the paintings are not already covered by any insurance by the City. Chris will check on the process and cost for the City to secure such insurance. For that purpose, we also will need to get an opinion of value for the paintings – this would be for the historical (rather

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than the artistic) value. Rebecca said she would ask Catherine to find out how to get the value determined and would follow up on that if Catherine cannot obtain that.

There was a short discussion of the Fishermen's Wives Memorial. The memorial is owned (and insured) by the Fishermen's Wives Association and located on City property. The Association has a contract with Campbell Plaster and Iron for the cleaning and waxing of the memorial. Judith will check the records to verify this information. Chris also will check with the Mayor regarding this memorial.

POET LAUREATE

Judith reported that she sent out notices to the members of the selection panel, and Councilor Lundberg, who is chairing the panel, has indicated he will convene the group very soon. There are two applications. The plan is to have a recommendation ready for the October Committee meeting, if possible.

DRAIN SMART

Rebecca will inform Seaside Sustainability that for the drain near the Crow's Nest we want a more positive message, something that is not personal and not confrontational, and perhaps takes into account the location. Chris said he also would talk with the group.

TRAILS AND SAILS

Judith reminded Committee members that the City Hall mural tours will be Saturday, 23 September, Noon – 3:00. Judith, Catherine, and Robert have said they would be available to participate. The Committee discussed arrangements for the Committee's table.

PUBLIC ART POLICY

Robert gave a brief recap of where we are in this process and has sent out (and distributed) copies of the current draft with the comments from the Mayor and Chris. At a future meeting, we will do a line-by-line review.

NEW BUSINESS

NEW MERCHANDISE FOR SALE

After discussion, it was decided that we would work on getting note cards as a new item for sale, perhaps four different scenes of the murals, with information on the back about how contributions support the mural restoration project. Judith will work on this for approval at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Robert, seconded by Chris to adjourn was approved unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Robert Haverkamp
Secretary